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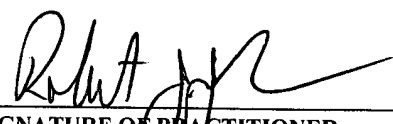
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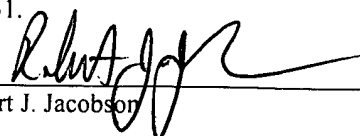
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Section 1. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449)

Attached please find two substitute PTO-1449 forms.

Section 2. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement

Legible copies of all items listed on the Form PTO-1449 accompany this information statement. These items are:

Foreign Patent Documents

d	JP	5-279446	A	Showa High Polymer	10/26/1993
e	EP	0 723 984	A1	Cheil Synthetics	07/31/1996
f	JP	7-157553	A	Unitika Ltd.	06/20/1995
j	KR	94-9418	B1	Kolon Ind Inc	10/13/1994
l	JP	3122659	B1	Agency for Ind. Science + Tech	10/20/2000
m	EP	0 622 390	A2	Nippon Shokubai Co	11/02/1994

Other Prior Art -- Non Patent Literature Documents

- b Malinconico et al., "PET Recycling, Part I: PET/PCL Blends Extruded in the Presence of Compatibilising Agents," Polymer Recycling, Vol. 3, No. 4 (1997/98) (XP-000926712)
- c Lim et al., "The effect of morphology on the biodegradation of PET and polycaprolactone," J. Korean Fiber Soc., (2000), 37(1), 1-10 (XP-002183953) (abstract only)

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- i Kang et al., "Characterization and Biodegradability of Poly(butylene adipate-co-succinate)/Poly(butylene terephthalate) Copolyester," Journal of Applied Polymer Science, Vol. 72, 593-608 (1999) (XP-002183951)
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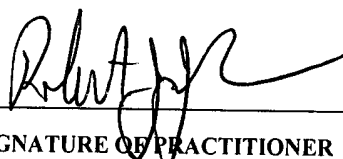
Section 3. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language List Information Items

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Section 4. Identification of Person Making This Information Disclosure Statement

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